

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 18, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 36

Introduced by Senator Knight
(Principal coauthor: Senator Ashburn)
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Runner)

June 9, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36—Relative to the centennial anniversary of flight.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 36, as amended, Knight. Centennial anniversary of flight.

This measure would recognize the centennial anniversary of flight and encourage cities, counties, and individual citizens to organize activities in celebration of a century of flight.

This measure would also encourage teachers to utilize the Dryden Educator Resource Center to stimulate young minds and encourage young people to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The first powered aircraft flight by the Wright
2 brothers took place on December 3 17, 1903, in Kitty Hawk, North
3 Carolina; and

4 WHEREAS, The airplane has dramatically changed the course
5 of transportation, commerce, and communication throughout
6 California and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 150 confirmed “first flights,” from
8 America’s first jet plane to the modern-day space shuttle, have
9 taken off in California from Edwards Air Force Base, which has

1 served as the United States Air Force Flight Test Center for the
2 aerospace industry for more than 50 years; and

3 WHEREAS, The recognition of California's contribution to
4 advancements in aviation and aerospace over the past century is
5 essential to promoting interest and motivating young people to
6 pursue education in mathematics, science, engineering and
7 aerospace technology; and

8 WHEREAS, The aerospace industry is a major economic and
9 social force in the United States, employing almost 1 million
10 people in California; and

11 WHEREAS, Since 1954, virtually all United States rocket
12 propulsion technology and development was completed at the
13 National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA)
14 Dryden Flight Research Center located at Edwards Air Force Base
15 in California; and

16 WHEREAS, NASA has created a national network of educator
17 resource centers, including the Dryden Educator Resource Center
18 in California, to distribute information about NASA programs,
19 technologies, and discoveries; and

20 WHEREAS, NASA educational materials are related to
21 mathematics, energy, physics, space flight, aeronautics,
22 technology and utilization, and art and social science careers, and
23 can be used to supplement regular instructional resources; and

24 WHEREAS, The Dryden Educator Resource Center contains a
25 wealth of information for educators including publications,
26 reference material, slides, audio and video cassettes, computer
27 programs, CD-ROMs, lesson plans with activities, posters, and
28 publications from government and nongovernment sources; now,
29 therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the centennial
32 anniversary of flight and encourages cities, counties, and
33 individual citizens to organize activities in celebration of a century
34 of flight; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages teachers to utilize the
36 Dryden Educator Resource Center in stimulating young minds and
37 encouraging young people to pursue careers in aviation and
38 aerospace industries.

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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